(d) the steps Central Government proposed to take to control excessive seepage and water-logging from these canals?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). Water-logging due to seepage from Ganga, Bhakra and Indira Gandhi Canals has been noticed. Main reasons for such water-logging include problem of drainage due to hydrological and topographical conditions and unscientific water management practices. Water-logging induces salinisation resulting in reduction of agricultural production.

(d) The measures which could reduce the problem of water-loggging such as improved water management practices, conjunctive use of surface and ground water, wherever feasible and adequate drainage systems, are being encouraged.

Travel by Foreign Tourists in Inner Line Areas

6236 SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government have one unified policy for developing tourism in the country;

(b) if so, whether there is any restriction of foreign tourists to travel within inner line areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Various factors like proximity to the international border, general law and order situation and sensitivity of the areas are the reasons for imposing restrictions on the entry and stay of foreigners under Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order, 1958 and Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order 1963. Following areas have been declared as Restricted or Protected areas: Sikkim, Certain Parts along the international border of J&K, U.P., Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan whole of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Foreign nationals cannot enter or stay in these areas without obtaining necessary permits from the competent authorities.

Demand of Pig Iron in West Bengal

6237. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated demand and production of pig iron in the country;

(b) whether there is any gap between the demand and supply in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether West Bengal's quota of domestic pig iron for the small scale foundry units has been reduced by nearly 50%;

(e) whether there is any proposal to allot more quantum of pig iron to West Bengal; and

(f) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The estimated annual demand of pig iron in the country in 1991-92 is 19.2 lakh tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Domestic production of pig iron in 1991-92 is estimated at around 15.8. lakh tonnes, reflecting a gap of 3.4 lakh tonnes.

(d) No, Sir. There has been an increase in the allocation of pig iron for the small scale units in West Bengal during the year 1991-92 to 51,250 tonnes, as against 35,5000 tonnes in 1990-91.

(e) and (f). Allocations to the State Small Industries Corporations, and actual supplies, would depend on the availabilities rom the main producers during 1992-93.

Microwave System in Orissa

6238. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether microwave telephone system has been started in Orissa specially in Koraput district;

(b) whether it is functioning properly; and

(c) the details of other places which are likely to be connected with this network in Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU). (a) Yes, Sir. Radio Telephone system are functioning in Orissa including Koraput District.

(b) They are generally functioning properly at most of the places axcent a few stations is Koraput District. Action is initiated to set right at these places also.

(c) A list of the places already connected with such Radio Telephone system and places which are likely to be connected in the near future is given in statement .

STATEMENT

I. List of Stations in Orissa where Radio Telephone Systems have already been installed.

1. Titilagarh
2. Athgarh
3. Danpur
4. Rajnagar
5. Morshaghai
6. Kendrapara
7. Jaipur Road
8. Talcher
9. Bhawanipatna
10. Jatni
11. Keonjhar
12. Bhubaneswar
13. Rajgangpur
14. Bolangir
15. Berhampur
16. Balugaon
17. Khurda
18. Bhanjanagar
19. Sambalpur
20. Brajrajnagar
21. Sundargarh